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In re Application of:

Moss et al.

Serial No.: 10/699,619

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PLATFORM AND METHOD OF USING
SAME

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Examiner: H. Thompson

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,030.00 in payment therefor plus ten (10) copies of the patent when issued.

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Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (13 pages), plus attached Replacement Sheet of Drawings (1 sheet) and Annotated Sheet Showing Changes Made (1 sheet); and Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages).

Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, the Examiner indicates:

The primary reason for the allowable subject matter of claim 5 is the inclusion of the catch member having a bell-shaped geometry. For claim 16, it is the inclusion of a third section disposed between the first and second sections, the third section having a lesser width than the first two. For claim 20, it is the inclusion of the method step requiring displacement of the first portion in a first direction until the catch is positioned beyond the first support and then displacing the first portion in

a second direction until the catch engages a portion of the first support and rotating the catch so as to abut the stop member and prevent further displacement of the first portion in the second direction. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the claimed features absent the applicants' own disclosure.

In the Notice of Allowability mailed February 2, 2006, the Examiner indicates:

[T]he primary reason for the allowance of claim 1 is the inclusion of the catch member being pivotable about an axis that is parallel to the work surface and perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the extending member of the first assembly. For claims 5, 16, and 20, it is the reasons as set forth in the Office Action of 9-29-05.

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the independent claims as allowed include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims include other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

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